The Villager

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From the Editor's Desk.

WHAT EASTER MEANS TO ME !

Easter means the Resurrection, the time of re-birth. Joyous Glad Tidings ! Easter Music ! Everyone turning out for Church and joining in the singing of the beautiful Easter Hymns - Christ, the Lord is Risen Today ! It's Easter, and time to rejoice, for the Lord is risen.

Easter means Spring. It always appears when the robins are singing their joyous song. The crocuses have been and gone, and the daffodils paint the country-side with their beautiful yellow heads bobbing in the breeze. Even the wind softens its tone to greet this most beautiful time of the year. Easter means summery hats, and all the fixin's that go with them.

Parades and happy faces: new kittens: new calves in the barn-yard: new little squirrels: new baby birds: and the frogs croaking in the pond.

Easter means Spring Vacation: children making the town gay with their freedom for a week: Hopscotch and bicycles.

Easter means ham dinner, with lemon pie. Families home for some of Mom's cooking. A game of catch with a baseball in the back yard.

Its Easter! Time to start a new idea - a new trend of thought. Time to plant roses - time to start Lobelia plants for the borders - time to paint the woodshed, and maybe put a new roof on it - time to take a long invigorating walk, and always remember to thank the Lord who makes all of it possible.

APRIL

I love a day all green and grey
And musical with showers --
Along the ground there sweeps the sound
Of softly laughing flowers. Rebecca McCann.

With Our Service Men.

A recent letter from Sgt B. A. Moss, who lives at 408 DuPont Ave., states; "I think you will be interested to know that "The Villager" has found its way to another far corner - Korea. I received my third copy yesterday, and I have thoroughly enjoyed reading them, and am looking forward to the next issue."

Sgt Moss is in charge of the Officers' Mess, looking after about 35 Officers. He is expected home in three months, or as Mrs Moss says; "98 days."

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Have you noticed how E. L. Picton, the book-keeper at Lonnie's Station is glowing with good health lately? He gives all of the credit to the fact that he walks to the Golf Course and back every morning. That is the best medicine in the world.

If you missed going to the DuPont-Laughbon Carnival last Friday, you missed being part of a jolly crowd reminiscent of a New Orleans Mardi Gras. Every imaginable game was yours to try. Teachers who conducted them, dressed the part in true carnival fashion. Both gyms were filled to capacity with happy youngsters and parents trying their luck. Throughout the evening students and adults purchased their tickets and pressed to try their hands at games. The climax came with the drawing of the lucky number for the Mustang which was being raffled. Mrs Juanita Chamberlain of Fort Lewis was the winner.

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A REMINDER !

April 15 may well be someone's birthday . . . but it is also the deadline for filing your Income Taxes

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Our young swimmers from DuPont are really making a name for themselves. A number of them competed in the Swim meets March 26 and all gave a good accounting of themselves.

Tryouts for the "Sound of Music" last week resulted in several DuPont students being placed on the cast. The lead, Maria, will be played by Susan Daun, and Liesl will be played by Charmaine Andre. Mary Lester and Marilyn Andre will have minor roles. This musical will be given May 21 and 22 in the new Laughbon Theatre.

If you notice the lack of imagination in our sub-titles this week, it is because Chief of the Title Department (Marie Bonner) is away on vacation.

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Mrs Mildred Guthrie of Tobey Jones Home spent the week end of March 26-27 in DuPont with her son Ray Grant. Nice to see her back in town.

Little girl to a lady at a Mother-Daughter Banquet; "How come your hair is so white? Did you boil it?"

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Lois Karnes is waiting on trade at the DuPont Cafe. Helping out on her college Fund. It is a joy to have her serve us.

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Mrs A. C. Hoop of Chino, Cal. recently came to make her home with her sister, Mrs E. L. Picton. Mr and Mrs Picton live at 4606 78th Ave S. W.

Garden Club Meets.

The next meeting of the DuPont Garden Club will be April 19 at 12:30 P.M. The Theme will be Hawaiian, and Pola Andre will speak on "Hawaii - the Garden State". Also on the program will be Charmaine and Marilyn Andre who will perform Hawaaian dances. Hostesses are planning refreshemnts and decorations to carry out the Hawaiian Theme. To join in the Island atmosphere, members are encouraged to wear flower-print dresses or Hawaiian muumuus.

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Jack Heuertz is now in St Joseph's Hospital He flew home by private plane the first of the week, and is improving by leaps and bounds. Welcome Home, Mr Heuertz. We've missed you.

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Les Munyan, who underwent major surgery in Lakewood Hospital, is on the mend? and as this is written, expects to be home Friday.

The Pastor Ponders.

Today is called Good Friday. It would seem that it should be a happy day. A day of fun and frolic--if indeed it is a good Friday.

Wherever Christians gather it is a day of somber reflection, of devout worship. The worship will not be characterized so much by praise and joy as by repentance, confession and an act of new commitment.

Of course it is a matter of Christian Faith to understand that Christ's horrible death was not pointless tragedy. It was God's way of providing redemption for sinful men. The tragic worked out for man's good.

We could learn a valuable lesson here! Not always do those events we call "good" work out to our benefit. Many times an accident, serious illness or misfortune will prove to be for our long-range good.

But how do we know? Is this the question we should ask? Probably not ! Should we not, rather, accept each event and endeavor, with God's help to make the most of it? Is this not the Faith that works?

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Ten new members were welcomed into the DuPont Presbyterian Church on Palm Sunday: Miss Ruby McAllister and her sister, Mrs. Pauline McBride, of Nisqually; Miss Shirlee Daun, Mrs Rita Sorenson, Miss Theresa Foreman, and Miss April Rieck, of DuPont; and Major and Mrs James D. Stoker, and their daughter Kimberly Ann, and Miss Kolleen Yerkes, all of Fort Lewis.

Baking does pay off.

For her recipe for Roman Meal Orange Banana Bread, Lois Karnes, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ken Karnes can boast two awards. At the High School level, Lois received a 21 jewel diamond Waltham wrist watch when she was selected as one of six finalists to participate in a Pierce County area bake-off. The contest took place Saturday March 26 at the Tacoma City Light Building Lois came in 2nd runner-up and received a $50 Savings Bond.

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The DuPont Garden Club wishes to express its thanks to all who so generously donated baked goods to the Bake Sale held April 1st. Mrs Moni-Jo Ross, chairman of the project states that $75 was realized from the sale which will be used for the annual scholarship which the Garden Club awards to a resident DuPont senior graduating from Laughbon High School. Mesdames Robinson, Milne, Trimble, Buck, Foreman and Nagy assisted Mrs Ross in arranging and preparing the Bake Sale.

POLICE BLOTTER
Ken Karnes.

The new uniforms your Town Marshal wears are a present from the Tacoma Police Department. This is just one instance showing the co-operation between the different Police Agencies to help in proper law enforcement. It seems to be easier to obey the law, to remember to do what we know we should do if we see a recognizable policeman around occasionally. Lately very few people have to be reminded again what "S T O P " means. You know it is very hard to count up how many lives or hurts we prevent by obeying the laws, but when we forget and become involved in making a traffic statistic, it is not a statistic any more but a private memory of what might have been avoided, that will be with us as LONG AS WE LIVE.

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In the past week or so about eight dogs have been returned to their owners after they got loose. Most of them did not have licenses. Did you know that Ordinance #11 requires all dogs to be licensed, and those not licensed can be impounded 5 days, and the owners required to pay a fine of $1.00 plus 50¢ a day for keep, and then buy a license anyway? Besides that, owners can be charged with a misdemeanor and fined. What a lot of trouble just for forgetting to buy a license.

See Pat Balcerak or Ken Karnes for yours.

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James Ledlie, brother of Margaret and William Ledlie of 505 Louviers Avenue, has been promoted to Lt. Col. Congratulations to him ! He and his wife and three boys live at Palos Verdes Peninsula, California.

LOCAL NEWS

Remember about the potluck dinner at the Church on April 29th. Pastor Dawn is looking for local talent for the program. If you can sing, dance or recite - call him.

Mayor and Mrs H. L. Robinson are back home after an extended vacation in the South.

Mrs Maude Bowden of 501 Barksdale, has moved to Seattle. She is presently living in Hearthstone - a retirement home.

Two new families have moved into town. Mr and Mrs Norman Maganini are at 401 Barksdale, and Mr and Mrs John Lamb at 509 Barksdale.

Bob Andre, son of Mrs Stanley Andre, writes that he is spending his Spring Vacation from Princeton University at Homestead A F B near Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. The Airforce flew the A-F ROTC students to Florida in conjunction with their training. Bob writes that the weather is beautiful, and he hopes to see Miami before returning to Princeton.

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When Christ was taken from the rood,
One thorn upon the ground -
Still moistened with the precious blood
An early robin found;
And wove it crosswise in his nest,
Where lo, it reddened all his breast.

John Bannister Tabb
1845 - 1909

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